The Tyranny of the Telephone. By Margaret E. Sangster.

NDOUBTEDLY the telephone is a lit depends on whether he has a tele-great convenience. Whoever has had it in the house would sacrifice many luxuries rather than go without it. Time and strength and letter writing and telegrams and all sorts of minor discomforts are saved us by this

weird contrivance on the wall, this mysterious tube into which we speak; this odd receiver which brings us voices from afar. We want to talk way to exorcise the invisible imp who with a friend, to ask after her sick husband, to about her absent son; we on your prayers, and demands an inare confronted by an emergency and obliged to leave home suddenly, or unexpected guests arrive, and the dinner must be nicer with an added course. must be nicer, with an added course or two—in every case the telephone is a for two—in every case the two e

or two—in every case the telephone is our friend. Certainly we should hate to do without it, this link that through the power of applied science binds us closer to our comrades on the road. It is a great convenience, and to some of us an indispensable necessity.

Take, for example, the woman's club. How on earth could a club president, or secretary, or the chairman of an important committee, get on and manage her work and communicate with her fellow members if there were not the telephone? Everybody knows that a club, however small, finds opportunity for endless discussion and arrangement and rearrangement, at other times than when in session. The telephone makes this conference possible and easy; it is a boon of boons to the club woman.

Once in a personal experience, once only, and the incident lives in memory as startling, the telephone was found successful in reducing the amount of an exorbitant gas bill. Householders know how difficult an enterprise this is, how seldom accomplished. On previous occasions letters

Householders know how difficult an enterprise this is, how seldom accomplished. On previous occasions letters had proved abortive, and interviews had found officials adamant, but the talk over the telephone a party wire at that, proved immediately reassuring. The percentage asked for was granted; the obnoxious bill was reduced to its rightful proportions.

If you want a doctor in the dead of night it is not now needful for the man of the house to dress and go hastily out in the cold and darkness; the man of the house to dress and go hastily out in the cold and darkness; the doctor's head, and he will rise from his bed, tell you what to do, or come himself in half the time it used to take to get him to the patient. When there is sudden illness in the home, you cry blessings on the telephone,

Here is John's side of it. I address
John. John is a good citizen, I

In spite of the axion

there is sudden illness in the home, you cry blessings on the telephone, and they are heartfelt.

And yet it has its drawbacks. There is a tyranny of the telephone that has done something to make life less simple than it used to be. There are moods in which one wishes she had never seen, never heard, never touched or handled the little affair which has done more than any other single agent to rob life of privacy and independence.

John is a good citizen, 1 hope.

Perhaps you belong to the public in some detail of your life. Most of us do. Very few of us escape wholly from some obligation to the community in which we live, and we are constantly remindent to subordinate to the good of society. After a full and trying business day, a day of strife and care, you eat your supper, put on dressing gown and slippers and unfold your newspaper. The lamp sheds a soft glow over the

CECROPIA MOTH.

CECROPIA MOTH ON COCOON.

PRING is the time when nature is of time and attention to their develop-

busy awakening her children. In It was three weeks after its birth

To the dormant antiopa butterfly she I head, yellow ones along its back and

ing spread for future antiopa caterpillars.

She sees to it that the fragrance of the fruit blossoms reach the cecropia moths within their silken cocoons. It is her method of notifying them that green things are growing, and the insects are quick to respond when they hear the call. Do they realize that young leaves are best for young caterpillars? As these moths live but a short time, their one desire is to mate and leave a legacy of white eggs on

ends a breath of willow catkins' bloom

that sets the black wings into motion,

for it is a signal that the table is be-

various ways she urges them to that the first caterpillar shed its fourth

blue ones on its sides.

No. 1, and when all were thus gaily

In the parlor across the hall your pretty daughters are entertaining a lad or two of the neighborhood. You can see them by lifting your eyes; you hear the soft murmur of their voices. Such an evening at home takes a man to Arcady. Your heart is beating time to the old lift. Your heart is beating time to

'Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place

like home.

A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there
That seek through the world is not met

Had seek through the world is not met with elsewhere."

Hackneyed as the lines have become, familiar to the commonplace, they are very beautiful. They bubble up like spring water through green moss, and keep sweet and fresh the sentiment of love for the home, that is so deeply rooted in every true heart.

Into this sphere of peace penetrates t clamorous appeal, not very loud, but

a clamorous appeal, not very loud, but very positive.
You go to the telephone.
"Hello!"
"Hello!. Is this you. Mr. Morrison?"
"Yes, Mr. Shackelford."
Mr. Shackelford proceeds:
"There is to be a meeting of the trustees of the church, a called meeting, at my house in fifteen minutes. It is most important. We depend on you. is most important. We depend on you. You know about ————————— and it won't do for you to be absent. In fif-

won't do for you to be absent. In fif-teen minutes, please. Good-by."
Or, if it is not a church meeting, it's a borough meeting, or a political gath-ering of some description; or else a group of people promise to come to you on their way back from wherever they happen to be, and the sum of it is that you lose your home evening. It is gone; it has fled before the telephone. Well, there is a seamy side to near-ly all of life's tapestry. We reap cer-tain benefits, but we pay the price. This telephone tyranny annoys us a lit-tle, but it would be like going back to

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steady diet.

When your husband seems willing that all the economy shall be at the home end, insist upon laundering his shirts yourself. When you are married be a good comrade if it breaks every canon of your church and ancestry. There are nagging women and pro-fane men; it is to be hoped they will all marry each other.

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young leaves are best for young caterpillars? As these moths live but a short time, their one desire is to mate and leave a legacy of white eggs on the foliage of such trees as will provide satisfactory nourishment for their future children. When this, aim is accomplished the eccropias die, because their mouth parts are so undeveloped that they cannot drink from the flower fountains that nourish the more fortunate long-tongued moths and butterflies. On account of the wide distribution, gorgeous coloring, great size and sluggish movements of the moth it is probably better known than other members of the Saturniidae, the family to which it belongs.

The finest eccropia moth that I have as yet seen was discovered on a lilac bush by a little neighbor. The specimen measured six and a half inches from tip to tip of its fore wings, and not one of the minute scales that formed the markings on its velvety, surfaces was disturbed.

I examined the lilac bush after the insect had flown, and found a large number of her eggs. These were one-tenth of an inch in diameter and were glued to the leaves by a redish secretion. I called Frances, my little neighrestore manhood

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number of her eggs. These were one-tenth of an inch in diameter and were glued to the leaves by a reddish secretion. I called Frances, my little neighbor, to look at them, and explained that the lilac bush would soon become the nursery of the moth's children.

Two weeks later, when the eggs hatched into small dark caterpillars, the little girl asked if the "horrid worms" were not intended as food for the baby moths, and was as surprised as I had expected her to be when I said: "No, indeed: these horrid worms are the moth's babies, and if we want to learn how they grow to be like their mother we must keep close watch of them for the next few weeks."

They proved an interesting family, and not only Frances and I, but several of the heighbors, gave a good deal

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